

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 2/2/2016	NEED RESPONSE BY: 2/16/2016
2. REQUESTOR NAME: Randy Mano 3. PHONE NO.: (415) 558-4128 4. REGULATION CITE(S): MPP 63-502.33	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: San Francisco 7. SUBJECT: Medical Expense Deduction 8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

A CalFresh recipient who is at least 60 years of age is eligible for the excess medical expense deduction, as long as the expenses are "incurred by the household member." (MPP 63-502.33)

Allowable medical expenses range from "medical and dental care" and "prescription drugs" to "hospitalization or outpatient treatment" and "insurance policy premiums." (MPP 63-502.331)

This scenario involves an elderly widow who has to pay her deceased husband's unpaid medical expenses. The verification indicates they fall under the allowable medical expense categories. She repays them on a monthly repayment schedule.

May a CalFresh recipient defined as elderly be allowed to deduct excess medical expenses in this situation?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Yes, the medical expenses are being paid out of pocket by the eligible CalFresh household member. Therefore, the County should allow any excess medical expenses to be part of the CalFresh budget.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

Per MPP 63-502.33 the medical expense must be incurred by a household member. Spouses are not eligible to receive this deduction. The CWD cannot deduct excess medical expenses in the situation described above.

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DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:

A.B. 2/162016

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